

## House Resolution No. 811

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are deeply saddened by the news of the recent passing of Mrs. Freddie Mae Penson, of St. Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Freddie Mae Penson was born on April 12, 1939, in St. Louis, Missouri, the treasured daughter of William Henry and Annie Lee Box, and was educated in the St. Louis Public School System; and

**Whereas**, Freddie Mae was united in marriage with Mr. Willie L. Penson on January 22, 1959, and together they had five children; and

**Whereas**, Freddie Mae Penson was employed at the Parkway House Motel and later Ralston Purina, where in 1986, she retired after ten years of employment; and

**Whereas**, Freddie Mae Penson's love of children inspired her to take a position at the Perfect Gift Day Care for a few years before resigning herself again to the full-time commitment of her roles as wife and mother to her own family; and

**Whereas**, Freddie Mae Penson joined Wright Chapel C.M.E. in 1965, where she served faithfully along side her husband, and she continued her faithful service at Coleman-Wright after the church merged with Coleman Temple in 1989, where she served on the Usher Board and in the Health Unit, as well as a member of the Voices of Coleman-Wright; and

**Whereas**, Freddie Mae Penson served in the St. Louis District Lay Ministry and attended District and Annual conferences as both Delegate and Youth Chaperone; and

**Whereas**, preceded in death by her mother, sister Diane Box, step-brother Robert Watkins, brother William Box Jr., and granddaughter Maria Penson-Smith, Freddie Mae Penson will be long and well remembered by her husband; father; step father, Walter Watkins; three sons, Darrell, Willie Jr. and his wife, Dolores, and Brian and his wife, Tiffany; two daughters, Phyllis Trice and her husband, Donald, and Angela; one brother, Leroy Box; one sister, Eva Purdy; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; aunt Macie Washington; special friend Rhetta Richardson; God-daughter Irma Moore; special sister-in-law Maxine Jackson-Caldwell; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere condolences to the family of Freddie Mae Penson on this sad occasion; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the family of Mrs. Freddie Mae Penson.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Juanita Head Walton  
District No. 81

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 811, adopted February 26, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker